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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Paul A. Farrar, et al.

Application No.: 09/940,792

Art Unit: 2815

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For: **METHOD OF FORMING BURIED  
CONDUCTOR PATTERNS BY SURFACE  
TRANSFORMATION OF EMPTY SPACES  
IN SOLID STATE MATERIALS**

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2003 (Paper No. 12),  
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include  
attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 23  
of this paper.